



JUST WORDS - ART COMPETITION INFORMATION

The Arts Council of Surrey (ACS) presents the annual "Just Series", a juried art exhibit to be featured in the ACS Gallery at the Newton Cultural Centre (NCC). This is an opportunity for current members of ACS to submit their original art related to the theme "Just Words".

COMPETITION BRIEF

As always, the theme is entirely up to interpretation, but we thought we would help start your explorations with some words of our own. "Words" might be the word we chose, but don't feel limited to literal text! "Words" can mean communication, can mean language, can mean typography. You can take inspiration from a specific word, you can interpret a word's meaning, and you can play with phonetics or linguistics or homophones.

Words are everywhere, after all: headlines, books, articles, text messages, chatrooms; but also music, poetry, internet memes, sounds, speeches, mantras, confessions, graffiti, tattoos, and more!

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

ARTIST MUST HAVE A CURRENT 2026 ACS MEMBERSHIP, or be a member of a group that has a current ACS membership. You can find a copy of that membership form at artscouncilofsurrey.ca/membership. Please send your filled out membership form along with your entry.

ENTRY FEES: \$10.00 for one work; \$20.00 for two works; \$30.00 for three works. Please Note: entry fees are NON refundable.

Entry form to be submitted by e-mail to info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca, entry fees can be paid by Visa/Mastercard by phone (604-594-2700) or in person. Fees can also be paid via e-transfer to info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca or by cheque made payable to the "Arts Council of Surrey". If paying by cheque, mail your payment and entry form to: Just Words, Arts Council of Surrey, 13530 72 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 2P1 or delivered, in a sealed envelope, to the address given.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- All pieces must be dry and ready to be displayed. Incomplete or wet artwork will be refused entry by the Committee at the time of delivery. All unframed work must have at least a hanging sleeve, cleat or loops/rings on the back of the work.
- Work must not exceed three feet (3') in width (including the frame), or be of excessive weight or height, or it will be refused entry by the Committee receiving the work at the time of delivery.
- Artists **MUST sign the back of their work** and not the front.
- Work **MUST** have been completed within the past 12 months, and **MUST NOT** have been previously shown in any public, commercial, or juried exhibition.
- Multi-panel or multi-component pieces (i.e. diptychs, triptychs) will be accepted, however the whole work cannot exceed the 3-foot width limitation, as outlined above.
- To ensure originality and quality, work will NOT be accepted that is: a copy of the work of others; made entirely from a kit or commercial design; and/or an article made entirely from a commercial mold.
- Artists who enter the competition are asked to provide a short (2-3 sentences) artist's statement about the work submitted (see the attached form). This helps the adjudication process, and will be the statement used to accompany the selected pieces, as a part of the label, included in the exhibition catalogue, and for a potential feature in the Arts Council's Spotlight on the Arts magazine.
- The decisions of the Committee are final.
- The Committee will take the utmost care in handling the work but cannot be responsible for loss or damage. Work may be moved to various other locations and will be handled with the utmost care.
- By entering this call, permission is given to the Arts Council of Surrey to photograph all accepted works for publicity and/or documentation purposes, including promotion of the exhibition on their websites.

SALE OF WORK: A 25% commission will be charged on the sale of any work. The artist concerned will be notified of the sale by email. Arts Council of Surrey will issue a cheque to the artist as soon as all aspects of the sale are completed.

COMPETITION TIMELINE

ENTRY DEADLINE: Submit your completed entry form by 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 15, 2026.

DELIVERY OF WORK FOR ADJUDICATION: Accepted artwork must be delivered to the **Newton Cultural Centre**, 13530 72 Avenue, Surrey, BC on **Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am—2:00 pm**. Please ensure that a Work Identification Form (provided on the following page) is completed and attached to the back of each work entered.

DATES OF EXHIBITION: October 1 - 29, 2026

PICKUP OF WORK FOLLOWING EXHIBITION: Artwork must be picked up on Friday, October 30, 2026.

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AWARDS

1st Prize \$150.00
2nd Prize \$100.00
3rd Prize \$50.00
Honourable Mention \$25.00

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Sat, August 15, 2026
by 2:00pm

Entry Fees:
1 - \$10; 2 - \$20; 3 - \$30



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Exhibition on display at the
Arts Council of Surrey Gallery:
October 1 - 29, 2026

For further info, contact:
Arts Council of Surrey
13530 72nd Avenue
Surrey, BC V3W 2P1

Email: info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca
Phone: 604 - 594 - 2700

www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca

JUST WORDS - ENTRY FORM

Artist Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

2026 Arts Council of Surrey Membership status: I am a(n): Individual Member Student or YACOS Member
 part of a group that has a current membership (Group name: _____)

Submission #1

Artwork Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size (in inches): _____

Sale Price: \$ _____ OR Not for Sale (NFS) / Insured Value \$ _____

Artist Statement (Up to 75 words about the artwork. Write here or attach): _____

Submission #2

Artwork Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size (in inches): _____

Sale Price: \$ _____ OR Not for Sale (NFS) / Insured Value \$ _____

Artist Statement (Up to 75 words about the artwork. Write here or attach): _____

Submission #3

Artwork Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size (in inches): _____

Sale Price: \$ _____ OR Not for Sale (NFS) / Insured Value \$ _____

Artist Statement (Up to 75 words about the artwork. Write here or attach): _____

I understand the terms of this competition as outlined in the competition information sheet and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

of Works _____ Entry Fee \$ _____ Paid by: Cash Debit Visa MC Cheque E-Transfer

When submitting work, cut out and attach one completed Work Identification tags to the back of each piece.

Work Identification Form (cut out and attach to back of work)

NAME (Please Print) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TITLE _____ MEDIUM _____

SALE PRICE \$ _____ OR INSURED VALUE IF NFS \$ _____

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